

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Falling River. Falling River was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for Total Fecal Coliform Bacteria. The two Falling River impaired stream segments are located in Campbell County and flow near Brookneal, Virginia. The upper impaired segment of the Falling River is 2.86 miles in length, beginning upstream at the Falling River mainstem from the confluence of the Falling River North and South Forks and continuing downstream to the mouth of Molly's Creek. The lower impaired segment of Falling River is 7.63 miles in length, beginning at the Little Falling River mouth and continuing downstream to the Falling River mouth on the Roanoke (Staunton) River.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The final public meeting on the development of the Falling River TMDL will be held on **Tuesday, February 24, 2004, 7:00 p.m.** in the Brookneal Community Center auditorium located at 261 Main Street in Brookneal, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on March 26, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of the Falling River TMDL is available upon request or can be viewed on the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Kelly Wills. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Kelly J. Wills, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24502, telephone (434) 582-5120, fax (434) 582-5125, or e-mail kjwills@deq.state.va.us.